

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 1741

Introduced by Assembly Member Bonilla

February 17, 2012

An act to amend Section 71020.5 of the Education Code, relating to California Community Colleges.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 1741, as introduced, Bonilla. California Community Colleges: comprehensive accountability system.

Existing law establishes the California Community Colleges, under the administration of the Board of Governors of the California Community Colleges, as one of the segments of public postsecondary education in this state. Existing law establishes community college districts, administered by a governing board, throughout the state, and authorizes these districts to provide instruction to students at the community college campuses maintained by the districts.

Existing law requires the board of governors, in consultation with institutional and organizational representatives of the California Community Colleges, to develop and implement a comprehensive educational and fiscal accountability system that does specified things, including, but not limited to, defining and measuring specified accountability information. That specified accountability information includes, but is not limited to, occupational preparation relative to state and local work force needs.

This bill would require the accountability information regarding occupational preparation to be also relative to regional work force needs and include student participation in career readiness programs, and would additionally require the board of governors to define and measure

accountability information regarding the ratio of full-time to part-time faculty and student access to faculty office hours. To the extent the bill would impose new duties on community college districts, the bill would impose a state-mandated local program.

The California Constitution requires the state to reimburse local agencies and school districts for certain costs mandated by the state. Statutory provisions establish procedures for making that reimbursement.

This bill would provide that, if the Commission on State Mandates determines that the bill contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement for those costs shall be made pursuant to these statutory provisions.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: yes.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 71020.5 of the Education Code is
2 amended to read:

3 71020.5. (a) (1) It is the intent of the Legislature in enacting
4 this section to foster the creation, implementation, and phase-in
5 of a comprehensive community college accountability system that
6 describes the performance of community colleges in meeting the
7 postsecondary educational needs of students. This educational and
8 fiscal accountability system shall provide performance data on
9 students, programs, and institutions.

10 It

11 (2) It is further the intent of the Legislature that this
12 accountability system assist all participants in the community
13 college system, including students, faculty, staff, administrators,
14 local governing boards, the chancellor, the ~~state~~ board of governors,
15 the public, and other interested constituencies, in identifying the
16 educational and fiscal strengths and weaknesses of *community*
17 colleges in order to improve educational quality in community
18 colleges.

19 (b) The board of governors shall develop and implement a
20 comprehensive community college educational and fiscal
21 accountability system. In developing and implementing this system,
22 the board of governors shall solicit consultation from institutional
23 and organizational representatives of the California Community

1 Colleges, including statewide faculty and staff organizations. At
2 a minimum, the system shall do all of the following:

3 (1) Be consistent with the Legislature's intent as expressed in
4 this act, Chapter 136 of the Statutes of 1987, and Chapter 1465 of
5 the Statutes of 1986.

6 (2) Draw from, and build upon, the system proposed in the
7 report entitled "AB 3409 Community College Accountability
8 Report," prepared pursuant to Chapter 1465 of the Statutes of 1986.

9 (3) Be designed to promote student success in community
10 colleges.

11 (4) Define and measure, quantitatively and qualitatively,
12 accountability information, including all of the following:

13 (A) Student access to community colleges.

14 (B) The extent to which the community college student body
15 reflects proportionately the adult population of the state.

16 (C) Student transfer rates and programs.

17 (D) Academic standards and student achievement.

18 (E) Student goal satisfaction and success in courses and
19 programs.

20 (F) Completion rates of courses and programs.

21 (G) Occupational preparation relative to state, *regional*, and
22 local work force needs and for entry-level employment,
23 occupational advancement, and career changes of students,
24 *including student participation in career readiness programs*.

25 (H) Adequacy of basic skills and English as a second language
26 courses and instruction in preparing students to succeed in
27 collegiate level work.

28 (I) Adequacy of, and student satisfaction with, student services.

29 (J) The extent to which the community college work force
30 reflects proportionately the adult population of the state.

31 (K) Fiscal conditions of community college districts.

32 (L) *The ratio of full-time to part-time faculty and student access
33 to faculty office hours*.

34 (5) Be designed to streamline the use of multiple performance
35 measures from appropriate sources of data, including, but not
36 limited to, matriculation evaluations, categorical program
37 evaluations, the community college management information
38 system, and other existing data collection and evaluation systems.

1 (6) Provide feedback to individual colleges in order to improve
2 access to community colleges, student performance, and
3 educational programs where needed.

4 (7) Produce a published report of community college
5 accountability.

6 (c) The Legislature finds and declares that successful
7 implementation of a comprehensive educational and fiscal
8 accountability system is, in part, dependent upon an adequate data
9 collection and reporting system. The accountability system
10 developed and implemented pursuant to this section shall be phased
11 in, to the extent necessary, with the funding and local
12 implementation of the community college management information
13 system.

14 SEC. 2. If the Commission on State Mandates determines that
15 this act contains costs mandated by the state, reimbursement to
16 local agencies and school districts for those costs shall be made
17 pursuant to Part 7 (commencing with Section 17500) of Division
18 4 of Title 2 of the Government Code.